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UNCLE SAM—"It's a good round figure, Mr. Mayor, but you've used too much gas!"

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THE ESCAPE of those Irishmen causes Balfour a good many O'Brieny tears.

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IN SUSPENDING his club for ten days Colonel Shepard was unnecessarily severe.

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IT IS TRUE that fine words butter no parsnips, but who wants to butter parsnips?

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ROGER Q. MILLS is a candidate for the next speakership, and very likely for the kingdom of heaven.

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IT IS THOUGHT by some that leading prohibitionists are largely interested in the opium business.

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SMALL BOY in his papa's trousers, not sufficiently cut down—"They come high, but I must have 'em."

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"ANOTHER EFFECT of the McKinley prices," sadly remarked the western horse-thief as the vigilance committee pulled the rope.

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IT COST thirty-eight million dollars to govern New York last year, and yet, odd as it may seem, every office-holder is not a millionaire.

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THE KING of Portugal feels as if his official head were tied on with a thread and every other person he meets wants to bite it in two.

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THESE ARE such hard times, owing to the election and the tariff law, that Mayor Grant can give no more ten-thousand-dollar checks to Flossie.

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"HIS FAVORITE beverage," says M. Halstead, speaking of Mr. Cleveland, "is apollinaris." Well, now! that really looks as if Grover were better than his party.

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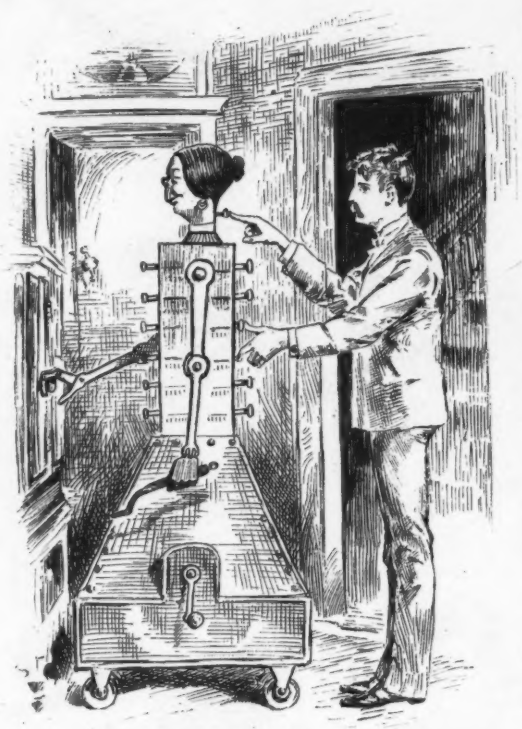
GOVERNOR HILL is the *Sun's* candidate for president. The Utica *Observer* says the governor is as much a tariff-reformer as Carlisle or Mills; but we dare say that when the question of avoirdupois is up the *Sun* doesn't care for a little thing like that.



OH, THAT WE MAY GET HER!

VOICE FROM UP-STAIRS—"Have you locked the front door, Bob?"

BOB—"Yes, dear."

VOICE—"What are you doing now?"

BOB—"Setting the automatic cook for buckwheats, poached eggs, rolls and coffee in the morning."

EVARTS, OF THEE.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of Mr. Evarts that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the senate brings out a great deal of comment as to his career as man and senator, and we believe there is not a dissenting voice with regard to his purity and ability, the press of both parties giving him unstinted praise. If he has failed at all it has been as a farmer, but that is his amusement; and the man who produces milk at the same cost per quart as champagne has the right of a hardy yeoman to the calloused palm and the Evarts article of hat.

THE IGNORANT VOTE.

WHILE UNDER the new ballot-law the political scales are as yet untipped, and the complexion of the future legislature is undefined, all prophecies are necessarily delphic. Democratic leaders feel confident and are burrowing with silence and skill.

The paster-ballot, devised to guide the illiterate voter and make safe his persuaded verdict, was intended to be and will be a probable Democratic help. It is a fact that the gum-backed tickets are already in preparation, that no mistake can be made in their using. The original proposition for ballot reform was for the use of a single official ballot and required that the voter objecting to a candidate should erase a name and replace it, or not, with another. The Democratic amendment to the bill was the substitution of the paster. A Democratic paster put on a Democratic original will count. If on and canceling a Republican it will be the same; the design and contrivance being intended to avoid even the struggle to read, and allowing a gummed ticket to offset the most considerate political judgment. A vast vote by this device will still be an ignorant and directed vote. It is a humiliating but truthful confession that twenty per cent. of the rural vote is corruptible. Three-quarters of this, if it gravitates unswerved to its own liking, is Democratic. The Italian vote is almost wholly mercenary. The Teutonic vote is divided and reasonably clean. The Irish vote, as usual with that impulsive race, is, singular as it may seem, an English free-trade vote through a Democratic channel. The experiment of a new system is to both parties a puzzle. In the cities where clumsy voters are being drilled it will be likely to favor largely Democratic majorities. Republicans seem to be more dependent on the intelligence than the discipline of their forces. Furthermore, the tendency of a large immigrant population to become stranded in the larger towns, drawn there by ties of kin, nationality and the quicker market for labor, draws a large affluent into the political rut of prior Democratic affinity and clanship.

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Four-fifths of the wealth and enterprise of New York city is in the hands of men of Republican predilections. Yet as a seaport dependent on foreign exchange it necessarily has a large body of importers, European in origin and interest, and contributing little to the expenses of the state or national governments. The majority of these, however, are not voters and are only interested in federal affairs when questions of tariff legislation threaten their profits. The bulk, nevertheless, of the city population that does vote is a foreign vote. The policy and personnel of both Democratic organizations is an overgrown European graft on a slim American stock.

It is the autocracy of ignorance that is to be dreaded, and if possible prevented. The only seeming safety to our institutions, based on an intelligent comprehension of their value, is to temporarily narrow the number by raising the qualification of the voter. The new law is but one step forward. While it is likely to be offensive to the over-sensitive it will not embarrass ignorance, as an idiot would dance where angels hesitate to tread. If the suffrage should or could be made to depend on higher qualifications it would be a stimulant to their attainment No American sovereign should rule unless qualified to be a king.

It is a part of our July oratory to deride the transatlantic monarchies as represented by mediocrity, senility, stupidity, selfishness and utter disregard of the general good. Notwithstanding our self-glorification cannot the same be said of a large part of the six or more millions of American sovereigns? Would it not be a subject of satire if the emperor of Germany could not read or speak German; if the president of France knew nothing of the history or tongue of the people he was guiding; if the czar in running the larger Tammany of his empire was ignorant of the resources and requirements of his rule?

Good government depends on intelligent selection of its servants. The ballot-box, hitherto a common dumping-ground, needs further filtration and protection. No illiterate voting, no citizenship without knowledge of the national tongue and a fair comprehension of our methods of government. We are very squeamish about the "inherent rights of manhood," yet the most enthusiastic theorist would not trust an inexperienced driver with the lives of his family—why with the welfare of a people? The republics of the past were undermined and ultimately wrecked by the enlarged powers grasped by ignorance and numbers. The past is a warning. The present should have a remedy, not in narrowing citizenship but in elevating and purifying it.

J. A.

BALFOUR says there may be an ice-famine, but he shall refuse to credit the report until the corpses are put on exhibition.

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THE RAINY SEASON last summer had a curious effect on the apple crop. We observe there is far more water in cider than ever before.

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KILGORE has won a good deal of reputation, but we feel sure that he will never attempt anything great without putting his foot in it.

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AT THE CLOSE of the next legislature J. W. Husted will begin his truly farewell tour, and it will continue between sessions for probably twenty years.

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DR. FUNK of the prohibition *Voice* talks so ferociously of fighting, forcing the fighting, and so on, that we sometimes think he takes gunpowder in his.

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WHEN KILGORE is in a hurry to get somewhere he says he "hits the ground only in high places," and we dare say the high places are ground to a dead level whenever he hits.

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HUGH GRANT can get five hundred dollars for writing a foolscap page of matter dictated to him from the bible. But this is pretty cold weather, and Hughey needs the foolscap for the protection of his noble head.

SPOKEN ALOUD.

ELBERT (*who sees the old gentleman's shadow*)—"Of course I disobeyed my father in going fishing, but when he finds out that I have taken a nice string to Mr. Cuttley, who holds our farm mortgage, I think he'll not chide me."

ICEMAN TURNER made a very good record in congress, and for that reason he feels that the existing ch'll in his district, which promises an overwhelming ice-crop, is not to be accounted for.

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THE COUNT OF PARIS fought for us when we needed his sympathy, and we can give him ours at the same time that we swing our hats for the foreign government that makes a sovereign of every citizen.

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THE LEGISLATURE of Vermont has formally protested against opening the world's fair on Sunday. Perhaps if that body wanted to be wholly moral it would protest against opening it on any other day.

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JUSTICE MILLER was a farm-hand up to his thirtieth year. Our friends of the farmers' alliance will remember that we predicted his success as long ago as when he broke steers and got hang-nails by picking stones out of stubble.

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ART NOTE—Pictures of distinguished persons are quite common in the newspapers now. We notice one of the man who "scratched twenty-eight years," though whether he did it to his ticket or his cuticle is not shown; and there is a resurrection of old Mrs. Yours-for-health, with a smile on her face that, if not exactly all wool, is at least a yard wide.

THE UNSUCCESSFUL COON-HUNT.

A CASE OF MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

MR. WITHERBEE—"Go fer him, 'Lonzo. I'll git along 's fast ez I kin."

—"Now we's got him whar d' fur's short."

—"Keep yo' eye on him, ole feller. Dey's blame deceivin'."

—"Dar he goes! Wow!"

—"Now fer a rassle! Da's d' bes' coon-dawg in Dinwiddie county."

—"'Fo' d' gre't yaller hoodoo! ef dey yaint went 'n 'xterminated dar selves. When I tell d' ole mammy dat, she sw'ar I's lyin'."

HUM OF THE COURT.

IT IS NOT true that George F. Train wants to arrange for another race against time. What he wants to arrange for now is a race against eternity.

BOULANGER as an exile is spending other people's money with great profusion and personal satisfaction. It is not he that is idiotic—not at all, not at all.

"IF YOU want to go to sleep quickly," says a Chicago physician, "drink half a pint of hot water." Hi, hello, see here, doctor! what are the other ingredients?

WE FEEL SURE that if a lady were to offer a gentleman her seat in a crowded car he would say "Thank you" and continue to stand. Now is it not a poor rule that doesn't work both ways?

LADY RANDY CHURCHILL, who is a fine musician, says she could earn her living on the stage if she were forced to do so. Undoubtedly; but it would be first necessary for her to get a divorce.

THE TALK that Miss Winnie Davis has seceded from her engagement with her Syracuse lover may or may not be true. If it is, the young man had better say, after Uncle Greeley, "Erring sister, go in peace."

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF CITY HALL.

GUEST—"Waiter, I can't eat this steak."

THE WAITER—"'Clar' t' goodness! I must 'r gub yo' d' cut I 'ntended fer dat Tammany hall kermitteman ober in d' cohner. Hit's tougher d' bettah fer him. Kinder fits he's pol'tics."

KILLING FOR LOVE has got to be so common that in St. Louis when a girl says to her ma "I have refused him" the old lady replies, "Very well; I'll go right to work to get your shroud ready."

THE ATTENTION of the affectionate heirs of the late B. Franklin is respectfully called to the fact that the Rochester *Union* says B. F. was "exceptionally careless as to what children he had or who their mothers were." There ought to be a suit for damages for a determined and tolerably successful effort to break a character more than a hundred years old.

"WELL," said J. Pulitzer, winking thoughtfully to G. W. Childs as the two admiringly surveyed the *World* building from the vicinity of the *Sun* office, "I guess I can see well enough to keep an eye out to the main chance—eh, G. W?" Whereupon G. W. said, winking responsively, "I must admit, Joseph, that you beat me in buildings, but what are they in comparison with my obituary poetry?"

THE SHARK, THE SAILOR AND THE SEA-NYMPH.

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THE SHARK, THE SAILOR AND THE SEA-NYMPH.—(*Continued.*)

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THREE CHAPTERS FROM TWO LIVES.

I. THE WESTERNER'S PROPOSAL.

MISS Penelope Bunkerhill.

Dear madame—The dude of the camp told me this fur; but now I'm a-goin' to sail in on my own tack, and say—I dunno how the mine 'll pan out, fur I ain't never struck a lead like this afore. But what I'm a-gittin' at is that I want to git hitched; and I ain't never lit on any girl but you as I thought 'ud pull as even. If you're onto the racket similar with me, now, let's splice. What say? And be all-fired quick about it too, fur I ain't used ter many motions. When I do a thing I do it—bang! And if you say the word I'm wid you on the very first streak of lightning that railroads east arterwards.

Yourn in dead earnest,

Jim Getthere.

II. THE BOSTON MAID'S REPLY.

Mr. J. Getthere.

Dear friend—Upon the perusal of your epistle the various emotions that agitated my somewhat easily agitatible mentality render it extremely difficult for me to command the mechanical processes of my dexter phalanges sufficiently to indite upon the surface spread before my ocular organs (which, deem me not weak with a maiden-graduate's weak sentimentalism, are semi-frequently dimmed with a lachrymal fluid) the sentiments which find an abiding-place in my auriculo-ventricular pulsater. I would that I could vocally communicate to your tympanum the adequate syllables which should formulate my reply to your proposal, which my esoteric instinct informs me is prompted by motives which nobility of soul and loftiness of sentiment render indigenous only to natures like your own. While the language of the western portion of our fragment of this planetary universe is at times a little farther from grammatical and orthoepical exactness and rhetorical elegance than I have hitherto been accustomed to having made audible or visible to my senses, I shall consider only the emotions which I prognosticate were abiding within your soul-ego, and in my answer I would state that the matter to which you refer—the hymeneal connubiation yclept marriage—is not distasteful to my mentality in the abstract, and that as a personality, I may say, *en passant*, I feel that yours would be as harmoniously altriustic as I could hope to obtain in this exceedingly egoistic century. Shall I then receive a telegraphic communication to inform me at what fragment of the hours that are speeding us togetherwards I may expect your presence—no unforeseen concatenation of unassimilated circumstances arising to prevent?

Yours for altruistic matrimony,

Penelope Bunkerhill.

THOSE ELDERLY STAGE-BABIES.

THE DUCHESS OF FRANKFURTER—"Me chee-ild! me chee-ild! where can I find a hiding-place for you?"

STRIDENT VOICE FROM THE GALLERY—"Why don't you send her to boarding-school?"

III. HIS REPLY TO HER REPLY.

Well, 'twas your innings, and I'm knocked out in the first round. I can't catch onto what you mean to save my gizzard, and though what you say 's white enough as Boston goes, I s'pose, chuck me fur a deader if I can see your raise. Let's call the match off. Say, 'n' if I's you, I'd call a pill-slinger, and see if he can't fix up that mentality of your'n so 's it won't feel so no more. Such talk, it strikes me, shows a screw loose somewhere, and I'd hate to always have to think of you as an out and out loon, like the most on 'em in Boston.

Yourn, hopin' you'll git shet of it,

J. G.

ARISTINE ANDERSON.

A CORRECTION.

Stranger—"I called, sir, to ask you to correct the statement in your paper yesterday that I had eloped with a society belle of Cincinnati."

Editor—"There is no truth in the story then?"

Stranger—"Not a word of truth. The lady was from Chicago."

SHE DESERVED A NEW ONE.

LITTLE JENNIE, who had prayed for a new doll for two years, came to the conclusion that her prayers were not heard, so she wrote the following lines and addressed them to heaven:

"deer god, plees gro sum wings on mi ole dol an fli it a wa befor mamma dreses it up a gin for nex krismus.

yoors respekfely,

"p. m.—plees don't forgit to sen a nue won.

Jennie."

JIM'S STORY.

'LL TELL you plain, if I don't try
To brace myself right firm I'll cry;
This soft wind and this haze and sun
And the gold and red that melt and run
And splash the hills—and *she* not here
To say things about the dying year!
Didn't I tell you? Oh, I see—
They called her Dora—all but me;
For she was a delicate lady born,
And I—well, I was huskin' corn;
So I called her Miss. She was stayin' here
For the country air the heft of a year.
Sometimes she'd sit out under a tree
And watch the hired man work—that's me;
But she got so frail-like along in the fall
That she didn't weigh nothin', wraps and all,
And the women-folks got me to lend a hand
Movin' her out in the sun to be tanned.
That's what they said; but she didn't seem
To care about jokin'—just wanted to dream
And look at the foliage, gold and red,
On the hills, and talk about bein' dead!
Cheerful? Well, no; not exactly that;
But I used to putter 'round where she sat,
Just watchin' her, sort of, under the rim
Of my hat, and wishin' she'd call me Jim!
Ever have that feelin'? Well, I never cared
Fer a girl that was well, but if I'd dared
I'd a-told her how it made me thrill
When I stole a look at her, sittin' so still
And holdin' the red leaves in her hands,
Quotin' some song about lotus lands—
Some place where it's always afternoon—
In a voice that was soft and sweet as a tune.
And so I just listened from under the rim
Of my hat, sort of wishin' she'd call me Jim!

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That kind of girls ain't for such as me—
Nor for nobody else 's fur's I can see;
For they just creep into a hired man's heart
When the leaves tu.n red and the brown burs part;
And then, when it snows and the skies are lead
And it's still in the house—you know who's dead!
I've no right to murmur, but somehow yet,
Try hard as I may, I can never forget
How I thrilled when her white hand touched my arm;
And now when the trees are red on the farm
Sometimes I listen from under the rim
Of my hat, sort of wishin' she'd call me Jim!

H. S. TOMER

HER HIGHEST COMPLIMENT.

MRS. DILWORTHY—"Don't you think Miss Wamley is very attentive to the new minister?"

AUNT PETTIGREW—"Who could help it? Why, I never met such a lady-like gossiper as he is in my life."

A RIVAL'S SCHEME.

HOULIHAN (*serenading*)—"Now thin—wan, two, t'ree; come to me ar-rms me ——! Be th' banshee's cat! th' wan thot filled thot bag-pipe wid wather niver sees th' light av another mor-rnin'!"

INCREDIBLE.

BOB HOPKINS, a confirmed Bohemian, bent on a little gunning, called on an artist friend equipped in a brand-new pair of hunting-boots.

"Well! I'll bet you can't guess how I got them," was his reply to the artist's natural reference to his new possession."

The latter went over the long list of expedients known to the seedy brotherhood to get what they haven't got, but was at last forced to give it up.

"My dear boy, you're not 'in it'! I'd wager doughnuts to dollars, every time, that you couldn't guess. Why, I paid for them."

HE WANTED PIE.

Tramp (to lady who has coal to be shoveled)—"If you will give me a good square meal, mum, I'll put a part of that coal away."

Lady (delighted, gives it to him, then hands him the coal-hod)—"You may go to work now."

Tramp (refusing)—"It wasn't no square meal, mum. There wasn't no pie."

DISTURBED REPOSE.

LORD RAGGERS—"There don't seem to be much life at these American races, deah boy."

COUNT VON GRAFF—"Dey vos mosd stupid as effer vas."

PRINCE REGNEAUX—"Eet ees vaire quiet."

HOCKENSTEIN—"Oxcuse me, chentlemens, my vife vos fainded on der grant-shtand!"

AND THIS IS FAME.

THERE may have been a happy time
When fame attended art;
When airy grace with charms of face
And figure stole the heart.

The trump of fame sent forth the name
Of her whose willowy form
And flying feet with rapture sweet
Could make the pulses warm.

The ballet queens were maids of means,
And no dramatic star
Was valued more, could higher soar—
But now look where we are!

Who blames us for high-kicking now?—
But what avail regrets?
They steal our pose in shortest clothes
To boom ———'s cigarettes.

A. T. WORDEN.

SOMETHING OF A LIE.

She—"Isn't Doctor Anderson very absent-minded?"

He—"Yes. That's why he never married. He went to kiss his sweetheart's hand once and vaccinated her instead."

MORE THAN SHE BARGAINED FOR.

MISS KINGCROSS (*insinuatingly*)—"Perhaps your friend would like to give us his advertisement for the *Church-fair Record*?"

MR. STEWART—"Cert'nly. I'll take a couple of pages."

MISS KINGCROSS—"How awfully good of you! What line of business are you in?"

MR. STEWART—"Wholesale liquor-dealer."

VERY REPREHENSIBLE OF HER.

"MISS WEEHAWKEN just loads herself down with jimcracks of one kind and another," remarked Miss Bleecker.

"Yes," replied Miss Beacon-Street of Boston; "she has a great fancy for James interstices."

ALTERNATES.

I BOUGHT a suit; then came the bill:
The sum I could not pay;
So then there came a suit-at-law—
I did not win the day.
Soon after came another bill
My lawyer sent—I owe it still.

G. B.

HE FEARED TO BITE.

Young wife—"Have some of my new pound-cake, dear?"

Young husband—"N-n-n—ye-ye"——

Young wife—"Why do you hesitate?"

Young husband—"I was thinking, my dear, of that poor family back in the alley who probably never eat a piece of cake from one year's end to the other. What's a pound-cake to us?"

A LAME EXPLANATION.

MRS. SMALLWARE (*on her husband's return*)—"What is this little package marked 'For my only May'?"

MR. SMALLWARE—"That's a bundle of spring s-samples, my dear. I expect to be taken off the road early in June for good."

A COUNTRY-SEAT.

AT THE CLUB.

"What on earth has become of Blinkins? Haven't seen him in a month of Sundays."

"Didn't you know that he'd retired to the estate that his family purchased for him in the suburbs?"

"No; whereabouts?"

"Why, in Greenwood; the poor fellow's been dead a week."

TAKING HIS TEMPERATURE.

THE orator had talked for half an hour.

"Oh, come on; let's go," said Bagley.

"Wait until he gets warmed up to his subject," whispered Bailey.

An hour later Bagley said: "Well, he's warmed up now; let's go."

"Can't you wait until the man cools down some?"

HOW HE WON HER.

JACK (*who has popped*)—"It takes you a long time to decide."

SALLIE—"I know. And I've about concluded to wear a demi-train of white chiffon over white silk, and have no bridesmaids."

"THE bill gives freer trade than any tariff legislation that has been put upon our statute books in more than a century. During the first thirty years of our history nearly every article was made dutiable. In 1824, less than 6 per cent. of our imports were free; in 1833, only 15 per cent. of our imported goods were free; in 1842, only 27 per cent. of our imported goods were free; in 1846, the great revenue tariff year, only 12 per cent.; in 1857, only 18 per cent. From 1873 down to 1883, 30 per cent. only was free, and in 1889, 39 per cent. was free. This bill makes about one-half of them absolutely free.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

October 13th.

MASQUERADING

MCKINLEY (*to Free-trade agitator*)—"You are a sham and a fraud! You are bitterly o

Judge

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ADING FALSE COLORS.

bitterly opposed to the Protection which restricts your business of importing pauper-made goods."

HALLOWEEN.

SHE sat before the glowing grate.
I did not ring the bell that night
But slipped in quietly. 'Twas late.
Did she expect me? Ah, the sprite!

Two chestnuts lay upon the fire,
I spied them as I neared her chair;
I longed to speak my heart's desire,
And wondered what she'd named them there.

I bent and—kissed her. For my life
I could not help it, standing so;
The chestnuts hissed, and in their strife
Moved close together in the glow.

"Forgive!" I cried with anxious dread;
"And to their names, dear love, confess."
"One was myself," she softly said,
"The other"—— Ah, my darling, yes!

IONE L. JONES.

LOVE AND MONEY.

HE SAID, "I know I am poor and Helen is rich, but she loves me and is ready to overlook my poverty."

She said, "John is a good man and I have enough money for both. Love without riches is better than marriage where there is no affection."

And the world said afterward, in a whisper, "Poor fools! Money will always buy love, but I understand he has to ask several times before he gets fifteen cents."

TWO RAPID READERS.

"I HAVE read more novels in the last month than you can shake a stick at," remarked Miss Bleecker.

"I too," replied Miss Beacon-Street, "have perused more than one could vibrate a cudgel to

A QUEER CONDITION.

SOMEBODY challenged Jones to fight a duel.

"Well, it's a go," replied that cheerful lunatic; "but only on one condition. You know how near-sighted I am. Well, to make things equal I insist that I shall be placed ten paces nearer my opponent than he is to me, for the fellow's got an eye like a hawk."

ADAPTING A WEAPON.

MR. WOOLSON—"Da's whad I calls low-down mean!"
MRS. WOOLSON—"Whad's low-down mean?"
MR. WOOLSON—"Dat Eyetalian on d' cohner borryed ma razzar t' go t' d' Neepolitan Lazzyroni ball, an' he's went an' ground it Garrybaldus style."

A QUESTION MISAPPREHENDED.

"WHO wrote that book you are reading," asked Mrs. Laker.

"Lady Blennerhasset," replied her husband.

"I didn't ask who has it, but who wrote it."

JOYFUL NEWS.

Customer—"I want a pound of quinine and two quarts of whisky."

Druggist—"I'm sorry to say, sir, that we're just out of quinine."

Customer (brightening up)—"Make it three quarts of whisky."

THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

FIRST Adam's fall consigned all
The human race to sin's depravity;
Then Newton saw the apple fall;
Each time an apple taught us gravity. G. B.

THEY DIDN'T GET THEM.

SMALL child going down street alone for the first time leaves the following lines on her bed: "If I come home dead I'll give my necklace to Mattie and my dime to Eddie. Farewell."

STRAIT-LACED.

He—"Why did your pastor object to your going to the ball-game?"

She—"He said the umpire wasn't a Christian."

AN ORIGINAL PACKAGE.

KEAN—"Pardon left hand, old fellow, but I've got something here I don't want to jar. See you in Newport next week."

——(*Newport, the next day*)—"Now then, Ajax, we'll limber you up a bit."

Preacher (reading)—"I asked for bread and ye gave me a stone." *Jeweler* (suddenly waking)—"Eh? How many carats?"—*Jewelers' Weekly.*

For bruises, sprains and scalds, nothing equals Salvation Oil, the pain-eradicator. 25 cents.

Easy to take and swift to cure—Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Sold by all druggists for 25 cents.

"Pat, you must be older than you look to be. How long have you been voting?" "Iver since the polls opened this morning, be gobs!"—*Epoch.*

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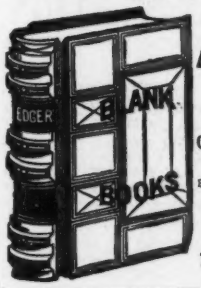

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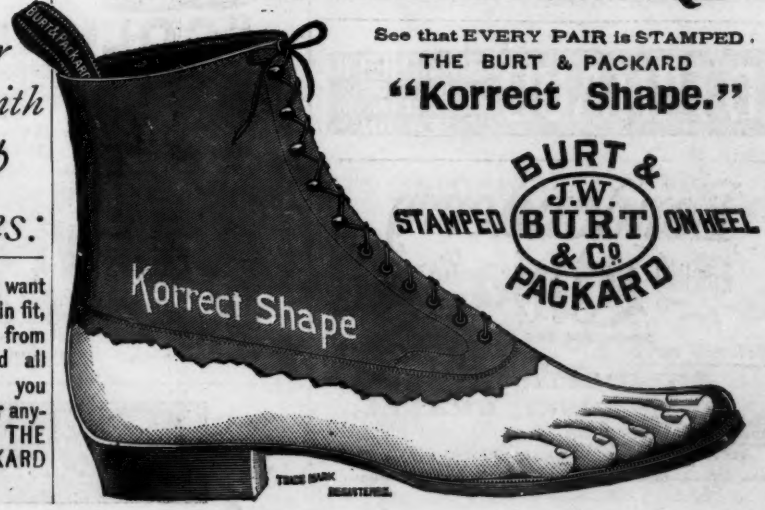

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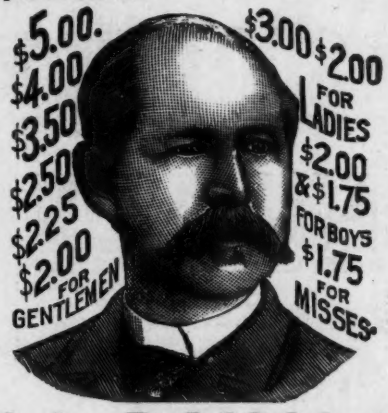

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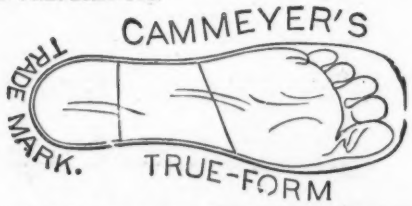

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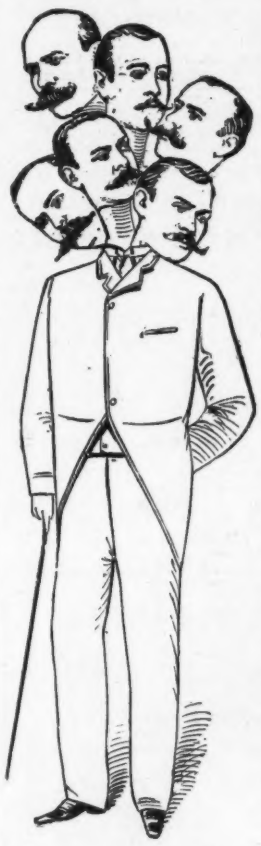

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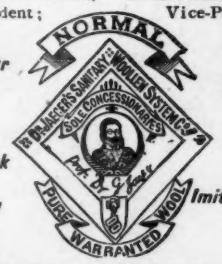

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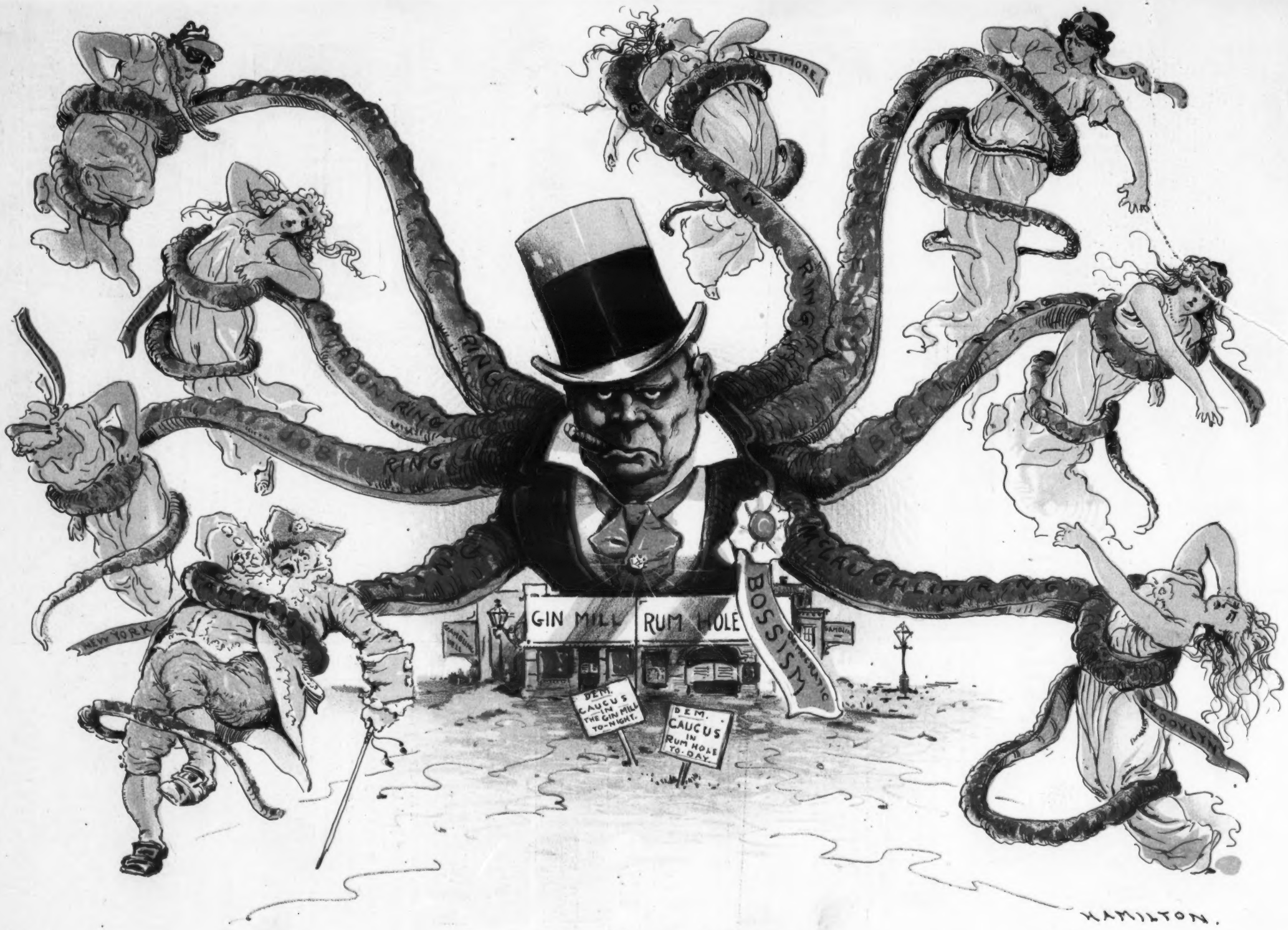

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